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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

There were no significant changes in the front lines during the past 24 hours, and except for sharp local engagements in the south and center sectors, action was confined to patrolling and sporadic exchanges of mortar and artillery fire. Enemy movements behind the lines indicated a continued build-up near Chinju in the south sector. Heavy enemy pressure on the ROK 6th Division may indicate preparations for a diversionary thrust from the Uisong area along the road towards Yongchon.

South Sector

The enemy continued to move re-inforcements into the Chinju area in the south sector and launched a strong attack against elements of the US 25th Division. The attack was repulsed after two hours of heavy fighting. Enemy troops are reported to have occupied Namhae and Changson Islands on the coast south of Chinju.

Center Sector

Action in the center sector, along the Nakdong River, was confined to patrol actions and exchanges of artillery fire. The enemy build-up in the rear of the US 27th Regiment north of Taegu was greatly reduced by elements of the US 23d Regiment. A night attack by enemy elements against the 27th Regiment was repulsed.

Elements of the North Korean 8th Division, supported by tanks and artillery, are exerting heavy pressure on the ROK 6th Division north of Uihong. The enemy has forced slight withdrawals of ROK units, but counter-attacks are now in progress. The enemy may be attempting a diversionary thrust towards the Uisong-Yongchon road.

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East Sector

Enemy forces are offering increasing resistance and the ROK 3rd Division is in contact with North Korean forces along the entire front north of Pohang.

Navy

UN forces continued coastal patrols, bombardment of coastal targets, and close aerial support of friendly ground forces.

Air

Reconnaissance subsequent to yesterday's report disclosed no evidence of new aircraft previously reported at Simak airfield in North Korea, and no unusual enemy air preparations were discovered.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported in the past 24 hours.

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